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In re application of : K. SEKIGUCHI

Application No. : 09/765,394

Group Art Unit: 2174

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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOTELY OPERATING A PLURALITY OF  
INFORMATION DEVICES CONNECTED TO A NETWORK PROVIDED WITH PLUG-AND-  
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☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

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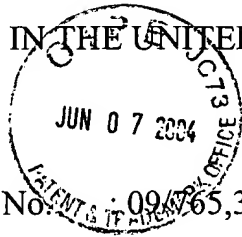
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In response to the Official Action dated May 21, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.